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F. A. HOWARD'S

# *Early Crisp Cucumber*

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*The Cucumber with a flavor  
Earliest and tenderest  
Unrivalled for salads or slicing*

Matures about ten days from dropping of blossoms. Yields an enormous crop of small tender cucumbers of exquisite flavor. They average in length from four to five inches.

**SEEDS 25 cents per Package**

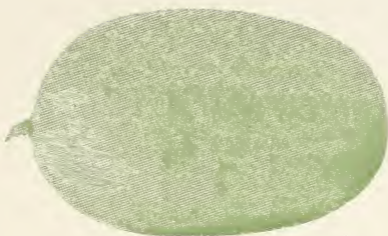
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WASHINGTON ST.  
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## *The Cucumber*

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Many persons do not care for cucumbers, others are content with eating a few in season (perhaps tough, unripe or wilted), suffer with indigestion, and give up the job saying "I never could eat cucumbers. I wish I could." The fact is that very few persons have ever eaten cucumbers brought to the state of perfection of the F. A. Howard's Early Crisp. It is a revelation; just Crisp, Cooling, Delicious, perfectly digestible and with a flavor of its own.



## *History of the Early Crisp Cucumber*

Starting with the Early Russian (the earliest cucumber known) I saved for seed the first *perfect* cucumber that matured, selecting one that grew as near the stump of the plant as possible, cutting back the vine and removing all blossoms, throwing the full strength of the plant into the seed cucumber. This system was continued for six years getting improved results each year. I now have a quick growing, hardy, and very prolific cucumber, its tenderness and flavor being all that could be desired. My stock of seeds is from cucumbers selected for shape and early maturity. Several plantings will furnish crisp and tender cucumbers throughout the season.

**F. A. HOWARD**

*Sup?*  
WHITE HORSE, YUKON, CANADA

Jan. 27, 1922

Mr. F. A. HOWARD

Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

For some time I have intended writing you in re the "Early Crisp Cucumber" seeds you so kindly sent me last spring. They were wonderful growers and producers. I have five plants, and off the five I had over 100 good fair sized cucumbers.

They were fat and chubby, about  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to 8 inches long and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 inches diameter. They were of good size, and from 10 to 12 days after blossom dropped off were just right for table use, delicious flavor and very solid meat and small seeds. I had a couple of good sized baskets of gherkins off the vines besides the ones we ate and gave away.

Accept my sincere thanks for the original seeds.

*Wishing you the compliments of the season,  
I am,*

*Yours very sincerely*

H. G. MacPHERSON